

No. 7:16-CV-300-FL

Defendants.

ORDER ON BILL OF COSTS

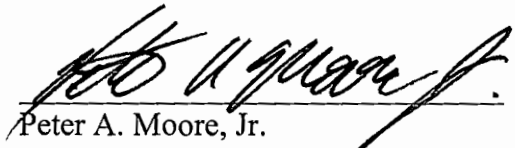
Defendants seek costs under Rule 54(d)(1) as the prevailing parties in this action. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d)(1) (“Unless a federal statute, these rules, or a court order provides otherwise,

costs—other than attorney’s fees—should be allowed to the prevailing party.”). Federal courts may assess only those costs listed in 28 U.S.C. § 1920. See Arlington Cent. Sch. Bd. of Educ. v. Murphy, 548 U.S. 291, 301 (2006); Crawford Fitting Co. v. J.T. Gibbons, Inc., 482 U.S. 437, 441-42 (1987), superseded on other grounds by statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1988. Local Civil Rule 54.1 “further refines the scope of recoverable costs.” Earp v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., No. 5:11-CV-680-D, 2014 WL 4105678, at *1 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 19, 2014).

Local Civil Rule 54.1(a) provides: “All applications for costs must be made 14 days after the entry of judgment.” Judgment was entered in this case on March 17, 2017. Defendants’ motion for costs was not filed until October 11, 2017, and is therefore untimely under Local Civil Rule 54.1(a).

Accordingly, the defendants’ motion for costs [DE-51] is DENIED.

SO ORDERED. This the 30 day of May, 2018.


Peter A. Moore, Jr.
Clerk of Court